Selection of candidates for Studying in Russia

1458. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any authorised agency to undertake selection of candidates to undergo medical, engineering and other technical courses in the erstwhile USSR; and

(b) with the rapidly changing political events, what steps Government propose to take to safeguard their interest in Russia ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Deptt. of Education, deals with scholarships offered by foreign governments under Cultural Exchange programmes and other bilateral/ multilateral Government-to-Government programmes. Besides, some foreign countries or Universities or foundations etc., also offer scholarships to Indian nationals on their own and the students themselves apply directly to them.

According to the Cultural Exchange Programme agreed between the Govt. of India and the erstwhile USSR, the USSR used to offer some scholerships. However no such offer was received after 1990-91.

The Government of India did not authorise or approve of any agency to undertake selection of candidates to undergo medical, engineering and other technical courses in the erstwhile USSR.

(b) The Ministry of Human Resourse Development have, on the advice of the Indian Embassy in Moscow, sanctioned an emergency assistances of Rs. 500/- per month per student in hard currency the students officially sponsored by Deptt. of Education and still pursuing their studies in the erstwhile USSR for the pcriod from December, 1991 to March, 1992

As regards other students who had gone to the USSR on their own, the Ministry of Human Resource Development is not in a position to grant direct financial assistance. However, on the advice of the Ministry of External Affairs, the Reserve Bank of India have issued instruction: to the Banks and Foreign Exchange dealers to allow parents and guardians of all students already studying in the former USSR to remit upto Dollars 50 per month. Reserve Bank of India also authorised the purchase of return tickets from Moscow to India in Indian Rupees.

Thc Ministry of External Affairs have also issued an advisory notice in the Press to the effect that no Indian students should seek admission in institutions in the former Soviet Union on a self-financing and non-governmental sponsoring basis, until such time as the situation crystallises in those countries, and that those who did so would be doing so at their own risk as Government liability does not arise for them.

भारत ज्ञान-विज्ञान समिति

1459. **श्री लक्ष्मीराम अग्रवाल :** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि "भारत ज्ञान-विज्ञान समिति" मध्य प्रदेश में शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में कार्य कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह संगठन केन्द्र सरकार के विभाग के रूप में कार्य कर रहा है अथवा यह संगठन सरकार से अनुदान प्राप्त करता है ;

(ग) इस संगठन के कार्यकरण पर किसका नियंत्रण है ; और

(घ) इस संगठन के कार्यक्रमों का निर्धारण कौन करता है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) यह एक पंजीकृत सोसाइटी है तथा यह केन्द्रीय सरकार के एक विभाग के रूप में कार्य नहीं कर रही है ।

राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता मिशन द्वारा सोसाइटी को अब तक कोई अनुदान संस्वीकृत नहीं किया गया है ।

(ग) सोसाइटी ऐसे पर्यवेक्षण तथा नियंत्रण के अध्यधीन है जैसा कि पंजीकृत सोसाइटी के रूप में उसके नियमों में उल्लिखित है ।

(घ) इस सोसाइटी के कार्यक्रमों को अन्तिम रूप स्वयं सोसाइटी द्वारा दिया जाता है ।